

## **Environmental Investments Roundtable**

**Date:** Monday, May 18, 2015

**Start:** 3:00 PM

**End:** 4:00 PM

### **Location (s)**

Springfield: Treasurer's Office in the Capitol

Chicago: Thompson Center, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor Suite 16

### **Attendees:**

#### **Chicago:**

##### **Treasurer's Office**

State Treasurer Michael Frerichs

Chasse Rehwinkel, Director of Policy

Nikki Giancola, Executive Assistant to the Treasurer

Alex Armour, Policy and Programs Coordinator

##### **Additional Invitees**

Jack Darin, Sierra Club of Illinois

Steve Frenkel, Union of Concerned Scientists

John Freitag, Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives

Kevin Borgia, Wind on the Wires

Wes King, Illinois Stewardship Alliance

Sharon Weigel

#### **Springfield:**

Jen Walling, Illinois Environmental Council

#### **Conference Call:**

Howard Learner, Environmental Law and Policy Center

All Discussions are Pre-Decisional

### **Open – 3 PM**

**Treasurer Michael Frerichs** – Opened the meeting, started introductions, and outlined topics for the roundtable discussion.

**Chasse Rehwinkel, Director of Policy** – Gave an overview of the Treasurer's Office and described some of the programs the Treasurer's Office administers.

Open discussion of programs in the Treasurer's Office.

**Jack Darin, Sierra Club of Illinois** – Discussed the Illinois Nutrient Research & Education Council.

Open discussion of the Illinois Nutrient Research & Education Council and Nutrient Loss Reduction.

**Chasse Rehwinkel, Director of Policy** – Discussed the Office of the Treasurer and how it can advocate for environmental policy.

Open discussion of environmental policy.

**Jen Walling, Illinois Environmental Council** – Discussed the concept of Green Banks in other states.

Open discussion of Green Banks.

**Chasse Rehwinkel, Director of Policy** – Discussed the Ag-Invest Linked Deposit Program

Open discussion of Ag-Invest Linked Deposit Program.

**Chasse Rehwinkel, Director of Policy** – Discussed the history and status of the Treasurer’s Technology Development Account (TDA).

Open discussion of TDA.

**Jack Darin, Sierra Club of Illinois** - Discussed the idea of considering environmental externalities when considering investments.

Open discussion of ways to approach environmental externalities.

**Jen Walling, Illinois Environmental Council** – Suggested the Office of the Treasurer examine “Green Office” policies.

Open discussion of green office policy best practices.

**Chasse Rehwinkel, Director of Policy** – Outlined takeaways from the roundtable and concluded the meeting.

**Closed – 4 PM**